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Expertise
Tax

Bar Admissions
Mexico, 2015
Ontario, 2023

Juan leverages his cross-border tax experience and extensive legal education to help clients navigate complex legal challenges and achieve their business goals.

He brings a multijurisdictional perspective to assist clients on a range of tax matters, including domestic and international tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations and dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Davies, Juan practised as a tax lawyer in Mexico. He spoke at lectures and seminars to professional associations on various legal issues and wrote tax and legal articles for specialized journals, law reviews and business publications.

Representative Work

Blackstone Tactical Opportunities
Acted for **Blackstone Tactical Opportunities** in its sale of Onyx-Fire Protection Services, a leading Canadian fire protection and life safety service provider, to NYSE-listed APi Group Corporation.

Lithium Royalty Corp.
Acted for **Lithium Royalty Corp.** in its C$521-million sale to Altius Minerals Corporation by way of plan of arrangement.

Aecon Utilities Group Inc.
Acted for **Aecon Utilities Group Inc.** in its acquisition of KPC Power Electrical Ltd. and KPC Energy Metering Solutions Ltd., a high-voltage testing, commissioning and metering solutions contractor.

Atlas Holdings LLC
Acted for **Atlas Holdings LLC** in its acquisition of EVRAZ North America, a producer of steel in the United States and Canada.

Birch Hill Equity Partners
Acted as lead counsel for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** in the formation of its seventh flagship fund, Birch Hill Equity Partners VII, which raised C$2.6 billion and is currently being deployed.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and BofA Securities
Acted for **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**, **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, and **BofA Securities** on the C$250-million Canadian private placement of senior unsecured floating rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, secured by funding agreements from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

York Energy Centre LP
Acted for **York Energy Centre LP** in connection with the refinancing of its existing credit facilities with new letter of credit and term loan facilities. The nominal 456 MW York Energy Centre (YEC) is located northwest of Newmarket, Ontario in the Township of King. The facility is jointly owned in a 50/50 partnership between Capital Power Corporation and The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. It is operated by Capital Power. The facility is fully contracted with the Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator until 2035.

Pine Valley Packaging Group

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Acted for the sellers in the sale of **Pine Valley Packaging Group**, a group of companies specializing in the design and manufacture of custom packaging solutions, to a joint venture by Konoike Transport Co., Ltd. and Kanepackage Co., Ltd.

Apotex International Inc.
Acted as lead tax counsel and Canadian transaction counsel to **Apotex International Inc.**, a global pharmaceutical company that produces high-quality affordable medicine, in the sale of a 50% interest in Arrotex Pharmaceuticals (Australia) to DBG Health.

Apotex Pharmaceutical Holdings Inc.
Acted as lead transaction and tax counsel to **Apotex Pharmaceutical Holdings Inc.**, a global pharmaceutical company that produces high-quality affordable medicine, in its sale to SK Capital Partners.

Recognitions

Mexican College of Public Accountants
National Tax Research Award
First Place (2019)

Osgoode Hall Law School
International Entrance Scholarship Award (LLM)
2021

Universidad Panamericana
Academic Excellence Scholarship Award (LLB)
2009

Mexican National Council on Science and Technology
Scholarship Award (LLM)
2015

Insights

Federal Budget 2024: How It Impacts You and Your Business
Apr 16, 2024

Education

Osgoode Hall Law School, LLM, 2022
Universiteit Leiden, LLM (Advanced Studies in International Tax Law) (cum laude), 2016
Universidad Panamericana, Postgraduate Specialization Program in Constitutional Appeals (with Highest Honours), 2015
Universidad Panamericana, LLB (with Highest Honours), 2014

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Teaching Engagements

Juan was a lecturer professor in International Tax Law and a teaching assistant in Comparative Law at Universidad Panamericana in Mexico City.

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